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COMMENTS ON THE U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICES

Page 2-7 Great Swamp Site

As already discussed in our cover letter, National Gypsum Company has consented to perform the Remedial Investigation & Feasibility Study (RI/FS). National Gypsum has been made aware that the Great Swamp Site is owned by the F&WS. In addition, they are also aware of the restrictions to entry and the type and extent of work that can be carried out at this site. See page 2-2, Section 2.3 of the Site Operations Plan.

Page A-2 Task 2

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will inform the Service of the precautionary measures necessary to protect the public. Presently EPA has not yet determined if portions of the White Bridge Road and Pine Valley Tree Services are located on or will effect F&WS.

Page A-25 Task 10, Surface & Groundwater Monitoring

Upon receipt and evaluation of analytical data from the Remedial Investigation phase, EPA will consider the need for additional data during periods of high water and runoff.

Page A-26 & 27 Task 11

The EPA has no reservations with respect to having a Service biologist accompanying the FIT on the survey of receiving streams. However, it is unlikely that the agency will be able to accommodate your request in expanding the aquatic and mammalian sampling. We feel it is beyond the scope of work, and would result in a cost increase and delay the completion of the RI/FS. However, if the F&WS provides scientific evidence to support the uptake of asbestos by the organisms recommended for sampling by the Service, EPA may reconsider its present position.

Page 4-1 to 4-3 Project Organization

The Service's involvement will be made known to National Gypsum and its contractor, Fred C. Hart Associates.

Page 4-5 and 4-6 Overall Project Management

EPA would like to arrange for further discussion regarding the nature and extent of F&WS oversight in the RI/FS process at the Great Swamp Site.

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National Gypsum will be made aware of these possibilities.

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